

4 WAYS TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

1. Eat a healthy diet

Eating a nutritious diet gives you energy, protects against disease, and helps to maintain a healthy weight. Follow the “80/20 rule.” If 80 percent of what you eat is healthy—with lots of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains—then you can let yourself eat what you want for the other 20 percent.



2. Exercise

Try for 30 minutes a day of exercise. It doesn't have to be all at once—every minute counts! Make it fun by counting your steps with a pedometer or an activity tracker.



3. Get a good night's sleep

When you're well rested, you feel better, look better, and have more energy. Try to get the 7 or more hours of sleep a night that experts recommend.



4. Reduce stress

Stress affects health and well-being. Become aware of when you're exhibiting signs of stress and then focus on managing it. Get exercise. Practice relaxation techniques like mindfulness. Do things that make you feel good, from going for a walk to spending time with family and friends.



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